Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 09 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 10 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 08 Aug 2023 at 13:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for relatively fair conditions by day Wednesday and Thursday, then for more unsettled for Friday and the weekend. However lowering confidence in the detail, particularly for cloud cover.

Headline for Wednesday 09 Aug 2023: Most dry with plenty of sunny spells. Brisk summit winds easing gradually.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 09 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	<05%	10%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 09 Aug 2023

Weather: Dry overnight with prolonged clear spells bringing the chance of some isolated fog patches around the foothills, but these soon burn away in the plentiful bright and sunny periods come dawn. A fine largely dry day with good bright and sunny spells. Cloud tending to increase across western ranges during the late afternoon and evening, bringing the chance of some light showers, but most remaining dry.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate in any showers, very poor within cloud with bases infrequently lowering to 700m, chiefly in the west and late in the day.

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Forecast for Wednesday 09 Aug 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/23 NW	19/23 W	17/21 SW	15/21 W	15/22 W	15/21 SW	15/20 SW	13/16 S	13/16 S
900	11/17 W	11/16 W	10/15 W	12/17 W	13/19 W	12/18 SW	10/14 SW	9/11 SW	8/11 S
600	11/15 SW	11/15 SW	11/15 SW	11/16 W	13/19 W	12/19 SW	10/15 SW	7/9 S	7/10 S
300	6/9 W	6/8 SW	5/8 SW	7/11 W	8/14 SW	8/14 SW	6/10 SW	4/7 S	3/6 S
Glen	3/5 W	3/7 SW	2/6 SW	4/8 SW	7/13 SW	8/15 SW	6/12 SW	5/10 S	4/7 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	3/-2	5/0	6/2	7/4	7/4	8/6
900	5/1	4/1	5/2	7/4	9/6	10/8	10/8	9/7	10/8
600	7/4	7/4	8/5	9/6	11/8	12/9	12/10	11/10	12/10
300	9/8	9/8	10/8	12/10	14/12	14/13	14/13	14/13	13/13
Glen	10/9	10/9	11/11	14/14	16/14	16/15	16/15	15/14	15/15
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1600m	1900m	3400m	3700m	3500m	3300m	3200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Severe chill effect restricted to early in the day and across higher peaks. Risk of sunburn in afternoon exposure.

Forecast for Thursday 10 Aug 2023
Weather: Again mostly fair but less so than Wednesday. Bright and sunny spells building into the afternoon, particularly across inland ranges. Long dry spells but some scattered showers, these turning more frequent and heavy towards evening, particularly in the south and west, with the risk of thunderstorms late evening.

Maximum wind: South to southeast increasing mean 15-20 mph by early evening with gusts reaching 30-35 mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in showers, very poor within cloud with bases occasionally lowering to 700m, particularly in the west and late in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius increasing 22 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 10 Celsius increasing 14 Celsius during the afternoon
Freezing level: Above all summits

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